

# BRIEF REVIEW OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

## RECORD OF THE IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS IN ITEM- IZED FORM

### Home and Foreign News Gathered From All Quarters of the World, and Prepared for Busy Men

#### INTERMOUNTAIN.

When the midnight hour struck December 16, Nevada went dry, and there appeared to be little mourning or jollification. Cabarets and bars were well filled to the closing hour. Stocks of liquor ran low in many places before the law went into effect.

The sentence of death imposed on Ben E. Kuhl, murderer of Fred Searcy, Jarbridge stage driver, was commuted to life imprisonment by the state board of pardons at Carson City, Nev. Kuhl was to have been shot at the state prison on December 20.

Resignations of every member of the fire department at Colorado Springs, except the chiefs, were accepted by the city council Thursday. The men, thirty-five in number, resigned because their request for increased wages was refused.

Leigh & Green of Lund, Utah, has filed application with the state public utilities commission for a permit to operate a motor freight truck service between Lund and Parowan.

Butte will see unusual building and real estate activity in the spring of 1919, Homer Townsend, chief clerk of the city department of public works, predicts.

Reconstruction and readjustment periods will not be characterized by panics or depression, according to Jere Sharpe, prominent Minneapolis banker, who is visiting in Butte.

Holland is seeking trade in Utah, according to a letter received by Earl J. Glade, secretary of the Utah State Fair association. The letter comes from the intelligence office for commercial relations at Amsterdam and requests him to send a catalogue of the exhibitors. The letter adds that all offers and inquiries emanating from firms in Utah will be welcomed and laid before importers and exporters in Holland.

#### DOMESTIC.

Thirty-six governors or governors-elect, in annual conference at Annapolis, Md., were told by Secretary Baker that the war had proven the indispensability of strong state governments in peace as well as war times, as the principal agencies for mobilizing and demobilizing armies, finding work for returning soldiers and developing better methods of physical training for young men.

William G. McAdoo, in an address at New York on the eve of his retirement as secretary of the treasury, predicted the success of the fifth Liberty loan and declared that it was for a majority of the people to decide whether the nation's railroads should be privately or government owned.

The largest winter wheat crop ever grown in the history of the United States is promised by the enormous acreage sown this fall. The acreage totals 49,027,000, or 15.9 per cent more than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1917, which was 42,301,000 acres.

Claiming that the Oliver Iron Mining company for ten years has been using an ore washer on the basic principles of which he holds the patent, Captain Alexander McDougall, an inventor and president of the McDougall-Duluth Shipbuilding company has brought suit at Duluth, Minn., for \$40,000,000 against the mining company.

Charles A. Lewis, a discharged negro soldier, who is alleged to have beaten Deputy Sheriff Al Thomas when the latter attempted to arrest him at Hickman, Ky., was hanged by a mob of masked men.

Recruiting in each community of a trip of "sea scouts" intended to prepare boys for the merchant marine, will be one of the features of "anniversary week" of the boys scouts of America, February 7 to February 13.

A special rate will be granted to clergymen over the railroads, beginning January 1, according to a letter received by the Rev. W. S. Foreman from Director General McAdoo.

Operations of the German propaganda system in the United States, through which valuable information for transmission to Berlin was gathered at the same time that German doctrines were spread over the country were laid bare Friday by Captain G. B. Lester of the army intelligence service in testimony before the senate committee investigating beer and German propaganda. Most of the evidence related to activity of Teutonic agents before the United States entered the war.

Buffeted by high seas, which carried away a deckhouse and wrenched a four-inch gun from its mounting, the American transport DeKalb arrived here Friday from France with approximately 1150 soldiers, sailors and marines, nearly 400 of whom had been wounded in action. She was preceded into port by the mail boat Oregonian, carrying a solitary doughboy, Sergeant Leland A. Knuffman of the Second division headquarters troop, who brought home the favorite charger of his commander Major General Omar Bundy.

#### WASHINGTON.

Carter Glass of Virginia was sworn in December 16, as secretary of the treasury in the presence of the Virginia delegation in congress and a group of government officials. The oath was administered by Judge James Hay of Virginia of the court of claims, for many years a colleague of Mr. Glass in the house.

Sweeping reductions in long distance and toll telephone rates by the adoption of a basic charge of 6 1/2 mills a mile, airline mileage, and half the day rate for night service up to midnight, and one-fourth the day rate after that hour, are announced by Postmaster General Burleson. They become effective next January 21.

"Taps" to the volunteer system of raising armies in war time by the United States was sounded here by Major General Enoch H. Crowder, provost marshal general, in an address to the retiring members of 189 New York draft boards. He earnestly advocated that the selective service system should become the permanent method of raising American armies in the future.

"Abandonment of all construction work in progress or projected at so-called tent camps," originally laid out for mobilization of the national guard and later used for general training purposes, was ordered by the war department.

Government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines was advocated in the house by Chairman Moon of the postoffice committee, who introduced the administration measure contemplating government purchase of the utilities.

Loading of two more vessels with cargoes for Russia and completion of arrangements for continued shipments through January and February by the United States-Russian bureau, Inc., was announced Saturday by the war trade board.

The resignation of 172 additional officers and 4845 men by General Pershing for early return home was announced Saturday by the war department. The largest unit included is the Fifty-first regiment, coast artillery, with 70 officers and 1770 men.

The state department was advised Friday that a passenger train between Vera Cruz and Mexico City was wrecked by Mexican rebels. There were no casualties and the report did not identify the rebel band.

Damage caused by the burning of the power house at the Hampton Roads, Va., naval base will not exceed \$50,000, the navy department announced Friday on estimates received from the commandant.

Plans for resuming general trade with parts of Russia and Finland were disclosed Friday by an announcement from the war trade board that applications now will be considered for import licenses for commodities, the chief of which are platinum, various hides and skins and furs, sulphur and various kinds of seeds. Shipments will be made to Pacific ports on vessels allocated to the United States-Russian bureau, incorporated, of the war trade board, under conditions to be defined by the board.

By a vote of 193 to 79 the house passed a bill providing salary increases of \$1500 a year for each of the 131 judges of the United States district and circuit courts and the court of claims. The measure now goes to the senate. District and court claim judges would receive \$7500 a year and circuit judges \$8500.

Negotiations have been begun by the United States for the purchase of property rights on the island of Taboga, at the Pacific entrance of the Panama canal in Panamanian territory. It is said that the plan is to add to the canal fortifications six batteries of coast artillery and a post of 3000 men. The cost of the property rights, it is said, will aggregate \$15,000,000.

Low flying and acrobatics by military aviators during celebrations in the vicinity of cities, towns and buildings are forbidden under threatened penalties in an order by the war department. A department announcement said increase in the flying accidents on home training fields since the armistice had made action necessary.

#### FOREIGN.

Poland has severed relations with Germany, according to a telegram received in Berlin from Warsaw. Poland, as a result of the rupture, accuses the German authorities in occupied provinces of acting contrary to Polish interests and working with the Bolsheviks.

Seventeen men members of the crew of the British steamship Larchgrove, lost their lives when that ship was sunk in a collision with the American steamer Hawaiian in the latter part of October in the strait of Gibraltar. It has just been learned.

Charged with complicity in the murder of Customs Collector Carlos Caturregi and two other Mexican customs officers two weeks ago across the line from Douglas, Ariz., and the robbery of \$125,000 in customs funds, Dr. Huerta, Jose Cruz and two El Paso Mexicans named Leyva and Silva were hanged in the plaza at Aguila Prieta.

Sergeant Major Ranningham telegraphed to the London Daily Mail from Holtau, Germany, where the Australian, South African and Canadian war prisoners are interned, advising that all the British are fairly well but anxiously awaiting repatriation.

Mathias Erzberger, head of the German armistice delegation, announces that the French government has requested the German army command to designate plenipotentiaries to confer regarding the prolongation of the armistice.

## FIRST REAL BASEBALL GAME BETWEEN ENGLISH TEAMS AT HYDE PARK, LONDON



Big Crowd Watching Baseball Contest in London.

A game of baseball recently played at Hyde Park, London, was the crowning instance of how the "invasion" of the Yanks is forever cementing the entente cordiale.

For the first time in history two exclusively British teams have met in a game of baseball, the scene being Hyde Park, London. The contest was the finale of an afternoon's entertainment staged by the American Young Men's Christian Association. There have been many games by Americans in this country, but until September 21, 1918, epochal date, no two British clubs had attempted competition in America's national sport.

#### Made Good Showing.

Coached for two weeks by athletic directors of the Y. M. C. A., the two teams made a good showing. They were made up of British soldiers of an outfit stationed at Hyde Park barracks. They appeared on the field as the Reds and the Blues, and their uniforms were fairly representative of the real article. An American sailor took the job of umpiring, and two American negro soldiers, after the game had gone an inning or two were enlisted to do the work on the coaching lines.

#### Scorer Lost Count.

After five innings the score stood 17 to 13, which a British major said "made quite a decent showing." The official scorer, a British corporal, lost count of the hits.

Several thousand people stood or sat on all four sides of the diamond and watched the game. Most of the "rooting" was supplied by American officers and soldiers, although here and there a British officer "joined up" with an occasional burst of modest applause. Whether good batting eyes or poor pitching can be held responsible for the shower of hits would be hard to say, but the crack of the bat was almost continuous.

#### One Bonthead Play.

Errors were plentiful, but probably the biggest bonthead play was pulled when the bases were full. One of the Reds stole third and appeared amazed when he found that bag already occupied by a team mate. Be it said that this was before the American negroes went to the coach lines.

## JACK COOMBS BUYS BUSINESS

Old-Time Athletic Pitcher Says He Is Through With Baseball—Now Living in Texas.

Jack Coombs is through with baseball for good. The thrifty New Englander, who saved the major part of his diamond earnings, bought an interest in a mercantile establishment in Neches, Tex., and is actively engaged in its management. The store is one of the largest in the country and does a big business.

Coombs joined the Athletics in 1906



Pitcher Jack Coombs.

and was on the payroll until October 29, 1914, when he was unconditionally released, along with Chief Bender and Eddie Plank. In 1915 he signed with Brooklyn, and staged a comeback that lasted as long as baseball did.

## UMP GIVES QUEER GRID RULE

Coach of League Island Marines Relates Odd Decision of Arbitrator in Football Game.

Here is one for the book which was unearthed by Byron Dickson, coach of the marines at League Island:

"We were playing a game the other day," said Py, "and my team was forced to punt when near the goal line. It was a bum kick and one of the opponents raised his arm in signal for a fair catch. However, the ball fell short and another player put in a punt of his caught the ball and put

## CROSS SEEN IN CLEAR SKY

Phenomenon Witnessed Over Spot Where 480 Sank in Torpedoed Ship.

Dublin.—Over the sea where the Dublin mailboat Leinster was sunk by a German torpedo in the Irish channel October 10, with the loss of about 480 lives, a great white cross was seen in a clear sky by residents of the Dublin coast, they aver. Canon Pim, rector of Christ church, Kingstown, sent

the following statement to the Irish Times:

"On Saturday afternoon last there was a bank of cloud on the horizon and against a clear sky above it there appeared for some moments the form of a great white cross of absolutely perfect shape. It was seen by at least four members of my own household, as well as by other people.

"One of the witnesses described it to me that it had seemed to him first as if there were a great white cloud figure—outstretched arms, which

## VARIOUS PHASES IN GAME OF BILLIARDS

How to Handle Cue Is One of Essentials of Pastime.

Ora Morningstar Outlines Some Rules Player Should Observe—Watch All Preliminary Strokes Along With Final.

The mistakes made by the general billiard playing public is that it tries to play the game before it really knows how to select a cue. There are many different departments contained in the game of billiards.

One of the most essential is stroke. What I mean by stroke is the general handling of the cue, writes Ora C. Morningstar in an exchange. To learn this, all players should place the cue ball on the spot at the head of the table known as the white ball spot. Select a cue weighing from 19 to 22 ounces. I personally use a 22-ounce cue. I feel that this is about the weight necessary to counteract the shock of striking the cue ball. Besides, this helps to steady my arm better than a light cue. My height is 5 feet 8 inches, therefore I use a 55-inch cue. If you happen to be taller than I, use a longer cue, and a shorter one, of course, if you are short.

Having selected the cue and with the ball on the spot, we are now ready to study a stroke. First, find the natural balance of the cue, and hold it five inches back of the balance.

The left hand or "bridge" if you are right-handed, should be about eight inches from the tip of the cue. Now,



Ora C. Morningstar.

crouching over the table at an angle of 45 degrees, and addressing the ball, so that the tip of the cue points to the center of the ball and about one-half inch from it, you are ready for the preliminary strokes.

Draw the cue back to the fingers of the left hand and then forward to the ball, and this should be repeated four times, gradually increasing the velocity. Shoot on the fifth stroke, with just sufficient force to drive the cue ball down the table and back.

The most perfect stroke I have seen was the piston-rod on a locomotive. After I studied the motion of that wonderful machine, it made me think that if I could acquire a stroke as perfect, it would improve my game at least 50 per cent. That's what beginners should do, or, in fact, anybody playing billiards.

One way this can be accomplished is to watch all your preliminary strokes along with the final stroke and see that the cue is driven through to the ball as nearly on a straight line as possible.

Holding the cue in the right hand, be careful not to put more tension on the cue than is just necessary to prevent its slipping through your hand when you shoot. The bridge, or left hand, should be solid, with the fingers well wrapped about the cue to prevent it from wobbling around.

#### Scores 128 Points.

The largest football score of the season was run up by Georgia Tech in a game in which it defeated North Carolina A. and M., 128 to 0.

## Ty Cobb's Arm Gone?

When Ty Cobb was appointed a captain in the gas and flame division of the army he went to Washington in uniform, and in two days his arm was completely gone, he says, from salting about a million times. About every one in the capital is in uniform, he says, and all of them seemed to know him.

## To Many Hogs in Chicago.

Chicago.—Announcement was made Tuesday afternoon that on account of congestion existing at the Chicago stockyards an embargo has been placed on all fresh loadings of hogs for this city.

## Britons Bombard Bolsheviks.

Stockholm.—An English squadron has bombarded Bolshevik positions along the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland, according to an official statement issued from the Estonian army headquarters.

# WILSON TAKES UP RUSSIAN PROBLEMS

EFFORTS TO DETERMINE DEFINITE POLICY FOR UNITED STATES AND HER ALLIES.

Attitude to Be Adopted by Victorious Nations Thought to Be One of the Most Serious Items.

Washington.—The Russian problem already has been taken up by President Wilson with French statesmen. It was learned here Tuesday, and the determination of a definite policy on which all the allied countries and the United States may agree will be one of the first things undertaken at the preliminary meetings which are to precede the peace conference.

Russia's plight and the attitude to be adopted by the victorious associated nations is recognized as one of the most serious problems of the conference. Every proposed solution so far is said to have been blocked by the unanswered question of who is qualified to speak for the Russian people.

The government at Omsk, of which the United States and other governments expected much, is now in the hands of a dictator and split into factions. The entente nations have not given up hope that the Omsk authorities may yet evolve a stable form of government for Russia, but this has not been accomplished now and none of the allied governments has recognized the Omsk regime officially, although all of them are dealing with Russian representatives who are in close touch with Admiral Kolchak and his government.

Prince Lvoff, who was premier in the Kerensky cabinet and who has devoted most of his life to the development of the zemstvo system in Russia, and Boris Bahkmeteff, Russian ambassador in Washington, appointed by Kerensky, as well as Professor Paul Miliukoff, Kerensky's minister of foreign affairs, are on their way to Paris or already there with other prominent Russians to do whatever they can to aid the allies in the solution of the Russian problem. But whether they represent the people of Russia at this time is a question which it privately is admitted can not be answered here.

## MACKENSEN IS INTERNED.

German Field Marshal Told Allies Demand His Detention.

Copenhagen.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, commander of the German forces in Rumania, has been interned by the Hungarian government, according to the Az Est of Budapest. The Hungarian government is reported to have informed the German leader that his internment was demanded by the allies.

Other dispatches received from Hungary say that the Rumanians have disarmed and interned the rear guard of Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces.

## Huns Barred for Ten Years.

Paris.—The general syndicate of French hotel men announces that it has decided that for ten years it will not receive a native of enemy countries as an employee, or customer. This decision will be transmitted to organizations of hotel men in all the allied countries.

## Fifteen Perish in Train Wreck.

Whitby, Minn.—Fifteen persons are believed to have been burned to death in the fire that early Tuesday destroyed a tourist coach on a Canadian Pacific train at Bonheur station, 120 miles west of Fort William, Ont. Twelve passengers were rescued, four slightly injured.

## Navy May Require 200,000 Men.

Washington.—Two hundred thousand men must be recruited for the navy next year to take the places of men who will be demobilized. Captain H. Lansing, chief of the bureau of navigation, made this estimate in asking the house naval affairs committee for an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to cover transportation and recruiting expenses.

## Germans Murder Russ Prisoners.

Zurich.—German soldiers at Cracow are reported to have fired upon Russian prisoners who refused to work, killing six and wounding seven, according to the Stuttgart Tageblatt. It is stated that the incident occurred since the signing of the armistice between the allies and Germany.

## Orphan Follows Yankees.

Jersey City.—A home for a French war orphan who came over as a stowaway on the transport Leviathan is being sought by the Children's society here. The lad followed American soldiers who befriended him.

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